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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: (Secret) Contingency Plans and Special Studies Relating to Berlin

1. (UNCLASSIFIED) Reference is made to your memorandum, CM 262-59, dated 6 January 1959, that discussed a memorandum from the Secretary of Defense, subject: "Supply of Berlin by Airlift" dated 5 January 1959.
2. (SECRET) Shortly after the Russian pronouncement of 27 November 1958, the Air Staff undertook appropriate actions to review and revise contingency plans relating to Berlin. As you perceived, these actions prompted specialized studies based on the current situation and included the ECM threat and counter-measures.
3. (SECRET) The status of Air Force actions relating to Berlin is as follows:
  - a. Preliminary technical studies relating to the ECM threat against a Berlin Airlift are complete. Final verification by the Air Traffic Control Techniques Laboratory of the Cambridge Research Center and the Air Technical Intelligence Center will be provided Headquarters USAF by 1 April 1959.
  - b. The field commander's Berlin Airlift Plans are complete except for the Air Traffic Control Annex for a tripartite Berlin Airlift. This is in process of final coordination with the British and French and is expected in the Pentagon by 15 March 1959.
  - c. A reminder list of actions is being maintained.
4. (UNCLASSIFIED) This memorandum is classified SECRET because it contains information the disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation.

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